

3-06 [Animal Control Code]

3-06.01 [Introductory Provisions]

3-06.01-10 [Purpose]

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and citizens of Vernonia, Oregon, and to provide for control and the protection of dogs therein, the City of Vernonia does hereby enact the following provisions which may be referred to as the “Dog Control Code.”

3-06.01-20 [Definitions]

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- A. “Dog” means any mammal of the canine family.
- B. “Dog License” means that license required to be issued annually for each individual dog pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;
- C. “Dangerous Dog” means any dog that has, due to the lack of the exercise of proper and adequate supervision and control by its owner, demonstrated a propensity to do an act harmful in its character, to human beings or animals, regardless of whether done in a playful or hostile manner.
- D. “Vicious Dog” means any dog that has, due to its size, nature or other characteristics, demonstrated a disposition or propensity to do an unreasonable act harmful in its character to human beings or animals, done in a hostile manner.
- E. “Owner” means a person having a possessory property right in a dog or who harbors, cares for, exercises control over, or knowingly permits a dog to remain on premises occupied by him or her.
- F. “Person” means an individual, a partnership, company, association, corporation, or any other legal entity.
- G. “Pet Shop” means any person regularly engaged in the business of breeding, buying or selling animals of any species.
- H. “Dog Running at Large” means a dog not confined to the premises of its owner unless restrained by a leash, tether, or other physical control devices, not to exceed eight (8) feet in length, and under the physical control of a person, whether or not the owner of the dog; or a dog which enters upon land of another person without authorization of that person or lawful occupant.
- I. “Kennel” means the operation of any business or the participation in any activity in which four (4) or more dogs are kept on the premises.